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In re Application of: Jerome C. Bertrand *et al.*

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Dear Madam:

Please enter the following on the record in response to the above cited Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2003. A petition for a two month extension of time is included herein. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. In addition, remarks and arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.